Amendment in Representation of People ACT, 1951

551. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the progress made, so far, in the decision of amending the Representation of People Act, 1951 to do away with the requirement of residence of a particular State/Union Territory for contesting elections to the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) from the State/Union Territory?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY): The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2001 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 5.12.2001, and was referred to the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs for examination and report. The Committee presented its report to Parliament on 23.7.2002 and the said Bill is now pending in Rajya Sabha.

Law Commission to study the judicial arrears

552. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has again taken up a study on judicial arrears to suggest measures for speedy disposal of cases;

(b) if so, by when this panel is likely to submit its report;

(c) the total number of reports, so far, submitted to Government by the Law Commission;

(d) the number of reports tabled in the Parliament;

(e) the action taken for its implementation; and

(f) the number of reports which have not been accepted by Government and the reason therefore?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY): (a) and (b) The Law Commission has informed that